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Subject: SB 941

I am writing on behalf of the Connecticut Association for Adult and Continuing Education (CAACE) to respond to the changes proposed in the General Statutes Section 10-69, Section 1, Subsection A. The changes are presented in the SB 941. While the purpose of the changes may appear to clarify the instructional hours required to earn high school credits, it also encourages the earning of more than one credit through adult education.

Our organizations's issues with the changes are twofold. First, by stating that two high school credits may be earned through adult education we feel that adult education may experience a revolving door syndrome. Students looking to avoid classes in high school may seek this alternative route. Second, the bill will impose an additional financial burden on adult education providers who run adult high school credit diploma programs because the money does not follow the student. Adult education would need to pay for the instruction for the student plus the additional cost of tracking that student. In essence this bill would lead to an unfunded mandate.

CAACE feels strongly that the legislation as it is presently written offers enough controls (' with the approval of the school principal") and a possible way to rectify an anomaly in an otherwise successful student's career. We ask that it not be changed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.